

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS**
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE § 8.01-286.1

Case No. **CL-2015-6197**

Fairfax County

☒ Circuit Court
☐ General District Court

Ludwerd Del Castillo-Guzman, et al.

PLAINTIFF

v.

Triple Canopy, Inc.

DEFENDANT

I, the undersigned ☐ plaintiff ☒ attorney for plaintiff hereby notify the ☒ defendant ☐
in the above-styled suit of the following:

1. An action in the above court has been commenced.
2. A copy of the following document(s) accompanies this Notice of Commencement of Action and Request for Waiver of Service of Process:
☒ Complaint filed on **May 11, 2015**
DATE
☐ Other – Describe _____ filed on _____
DATE
3. An extra copy of this Notice of Commencement of Action and Request for Waiver of Service of Process and a prepaid means of compliance in writing is enclosed herein and sent on this date **June 4, 2015**
DATE SENT
by the following means: **first class mail, with postage prepaid**

**NOTICE OF CONSEQUENCES OF COMPLIANCE AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST
PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 8.01-286.1 BY THE PLAINTIFF FOR WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY
THE DEFENDANT:**

1. The defendant is allowed no more than 30 days from the date on which the request is sent, or 60 days if the defendant's address is outside the Commonwealth, to return the waiver.
2. Upon failure by the defendant to comply with this request for waiver made by the plaintiff, the court shall impose the costs subsequently incurred in effecting service on the defendant, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure to comply. These costs shall include, in addition to the costs for effecting service of process, other costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of any motion required to collect the costs of service.
3. Upon timely return of the requested waiver of service of process, the defendant is not required to serve an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint or other initial pleading until 60 days after the date on which this request for waiver of service was sent, or 90 days after that date if the defendant's address is outside the Commonwealth of Virginia.
4. The defendant's waiver of service of process in compliance with this request does not thereby waive any objection to the venue or to the jurisdiction of the court over the person of that defendant, or to any other defense or objection other than objections based on inadequacy of process or service of process.

6/2/15
DATE



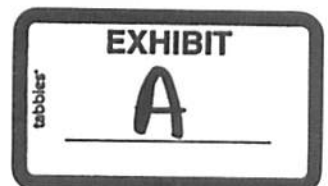
☐ PLAINTIFF ☒ ATTORNEY

Meredith M. Ralls, FirstPoint Law Group PC

PRINT NAME

10615 Judicial Dr. Ste. 101, Fairfax, VA 22030, Tel. 703-385-6868

ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SIGNATOR



**ACCEPTANCE/WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS AND
WAIVER OF FUTURE SERVICE OF PROCESS
AND NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§ 8.01-327; 20-99.1:1; Rules 3-5, 3-8

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I, the undersigned party named below, swear under oath/affirm the following:

1. I am a party ☐ plaintiff ☒ defendant in the above-styled suit.
2. I have received a copy of the following documents on this date:

☒ Complaint filed on **May 11, 2015**
DATE

☐ Summons with copy of Complaint filed on _____ attached
DATE

☐ Other – Describe: _____ filed on _____
DATE

I understand that my receipt of these copies and my signature below constitute

- ☐ the acceptance of service of process of these copies, or
☒ a waiver of service of process and notice which may be prescribed by law.

3. I agree to voluntarily and freely waive any future service of process and notice as checked below in this case:

- ☐ a. any further service of process.
- ☐ b. notice of the appointment of a commissioner in chancery and hearings held by such commissioner in chancery, if a commissioner in chancery is appointed.
- ☐ c. notice of the taking of depositions.
- ☐ d. notice of the filing of any reports by a commissioner in chancery of the filing of depositions.
- ☐ e. notice of testimony to be given orally in open court.
- ☐ f. notice of entry of any order, judgment or decree, including the final decree of divorce.

I understand that, by waiving service of process, I am giving up my right to be notified of the events described immediately above.

DATE

☒ DEFENDANT ☐ PLAINTIFF

TO DEFENDANT: Notify the Court in writing of any changes of your address while this case is pending.

State/Commonwealth of _____, [] City [] County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to/affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

by _____

PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT

DATE

[] CLERK [] DEPUTY CLERK
[] NOTARY PUBLIC (My commission expires _____)
Registration No. _____

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY

LUDWERD DEL CASTILLO-GUZMAN,)
30 Marcy Street,)
Freehold, NJ 07728,)
)
ALEJANDRO CERNA-MOTTA,)
48 Jackson Street,)
Freehold, NJ 07728,)
)
JUAN CASTRO-RUGEL,)
30 Marcy Street,)
Freehold, NJ 07728,)
)
GERMAN TAMANI-FASABI,)
45 Jackson Street,)
Freehold, NJ 07728,)
)
PLAINTIFFS,)

v.)

TRIPLE CANOPY, INC.,)
12018 Sunrise Valley Drive,)
Suite 140,)
Reston, VA 20191,)
)
Serve Registered Agent:)
Corporation Service Company,)
1111 East Main Street,)
Bank of America Center, 16th Floor,)
Richmond, VA 23219,)
)
DEFENDANT.)

Case No. _____

2015-00197

COMPLAINT

COME NOW your Plaintiffs LUDWERD DEL CASTILLO-GUZMAN, ALEJANDRO CERNA-MOTTA, JUAN CASTRO-RUGEL, and GERMAN TAMANI-FASABI, by counsel, and bring their complaint against Defendant TRIPLE CANOPY, INC. as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This action arises from Plaintiffs' damages caused by Defendant's breach of contract and failure to pay wages due for security services performed overseas.

PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Ludwerd Del Castillo-Guzman is a natural person who resides at 30 Marcy Street, Freehold, New Jersey.

3. Plaintiff Alejandro Cerna-Motta is a natural person who resides at 48 Jackson Street, Freehold, New Jersey.

4. Plaintiff Juan Castro-Rugel is a natural person who resides at 30 Marcy Street, Freehold, New Jersey.

5. Plaintiff German Tamani-Fasabi is a natural person who resides at 45 Jackson Street, Freehold, New Jersey.

6. Defendant Triple Canopy, Inc. ("Triple Canopy") is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with its principal place of business at 12018 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 140, Reston, Virginia, which is within the County of Fairfax.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-328.1 because regularly transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-262 because Defendant maintains its principal place of business in Fairfax County.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9. Plaintiffs are all retired from serving in their native country's military.
10. Triple Canopy is a government contractor who provides many services to the United States Government, including private security services abroad.
11. Because of their prior military experience, Plaintiffs were hired by Triple Canopy to provide security services for the United States Government abroad, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.
12. Each Plaintiff received an identical contract for employment, which differed only in the name of the employee.
13. True and accurate copies of a sample of Plaintiffs' contracts are attached hereto.
14. Plaintiff Del Castillo-Guzman worked for Triple Canopy from approximately November 2007 through January 2010.
15. Plaintiff Cerna-Motta worked for Triple Canopy from approximately October 2005 through July 2011.
16. Plaintiff Castro-Rugel worked for Triple Canopy from approximately April 2007 through October 2009.
17. Plaintiff Tamani-Fasabi worked for Triple Canopy from approximately April 2006 through July 2011.
18. Wages owed to Plaintiffs did not become payable and due until Plaintiffs ceased their employment with Triple Canopy.
19. Triple Canopy failed to pay Plaintiffs for all work performed under their contracts.

20. Plaintiffs worked eight to twelve hours per day and at least five days per week, thereby often working at least forty hours per week but often between fifty and sixty hours per week.

21. However, Triple Canopy only agreed to pay Plaintiffs, at a maximum, \$33.00 per day, or \$4.13 per hour.

22. Triple Canopy improperly designated Plaintiffs as independent contractors, when Plaintiffs were actually Triple Canopy's employees.

23. Triple Canopy exercised direct control over Plaintiffs in the following ways:

- a. Triple Canopy paid daily wages to Plaintiffs;
- b. Triple Canopy required that Plaintiffs possess a certain level of training for their positions, and provided additional required training to Plaintiffs;
- c. Triple Canopy prevented Plaintiffs from working for other employers while they worked for Defendant,
- d. Triple Canopy prevented Plaintiffs from working for competing enterprises and for at least six months after their engagement with Triple Canopy was terminated;
- e. Triple Canopy required Plaintiffs to adhere to the company's standards for personal attire and hygiene;
- f. Triple Canopy provided Plaintiffs with equipment, for which Plaintiffs were liable in the case of loss or damage, and which Plaintiffs were required to return to Triple Canopy;
- g. Plaintiffs were not permitted to assign their duties to others;

h. Plaintiffs were not in control of the time, place, or manner for accomplishing their tasks.

24. Plaintiffs' contracts with Triple Canopy uniformly state that "This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Virginia, USA, as if performed wholly within the state."

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

COUNT ONE

Breach of Contract

25. The foregoing paragraphs are re-alleged herein.

26. Triple Canopy agreed to pay Plaintiffs \$33.00 for each day of work that Plaintiffs performed.

27. Triple Canopy failed to pay Plaintiffs for all days of work that they performed.

28. Plaintiffs were damaged by Triple Canopy's failure to pay all amounts due to them under their contracts.

29. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand that judgment be entered against Triple Canopy and in favor of Plaintiffs in the aggregate amount of \$350,000.00, or \$50,000 for Plaintiff Del Castillo-Guzman; \$55,000 for Plaintiff Cerna-Motta; \$125,000 for Plaintiff Castro-Rugel; and \$120,000 for Plaintiff Tamani-Fasabi, with interest and costs as allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

COUNT TWO

Virginia Code Section 40.1-29

30. The foregoing paragraphs are re-alleged herein.

31. At all times alleged herein, Plaintiffs have never been indebted to Triple Canopy.

32. Triple Canopy is an employer that employed Plaintiffs under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

33. Triple Canopy exercised operational control of Plaintiffs' workplace, including the work performed, environment, and conditions of employment, and managerial decisions such as hiring, firing, compensating, supervising, creating schedules, maintaining time and other employment records, determining the rate and method of compensation.

34. However, Triple Canopy failed to pay Plaintiffs all wages due to them upon their termination for work performed prior to their termination.

35. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand that judgment be entered against Triple Canopy and in favor of Plaintiffs in the aggregate amount of \$350,000.00, or \$50,000 for Plaintiff Del Castillo-Guzman; \$55,000 for Plaintiff Cerna-Motta; \$125,000 for Plaintiff Castro-Rugel; and \$120,000 for Plaintiff Tamani-Fasabi, with attorney's fees, interest, and costs as allowable under Virginia Code Section 40.1-29 and other laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

COUNT THREE
Virginia Minimum Wage Act

36. The foregoing paragraphs are re-alleged herein.

37. At all times alleged herein, Plaintiffs have never been indebted to Triple Canopy.

38. Triple Canopy is an employer that employed Plaintiffs under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

39. Triple Canopy exercised operational control of Plaintiffs' workplace, including the work performed, environment, and conditions of employment, and managerial decisions such as hiring, firing, compensating, supervising, creating schedules, maintaining time and other employment records, determining the rate and method of compensation.

40. However, Triple Canopy paid Plaintiffs, at most, \$4.13 per every hour worked.

41. Triple Canopy violated the Virginia Minimum Wage Act, Va. Code Ann. §§ 40.1-28.8 to 40.1-28.12, when it failed to pay Plaintiffs the federal minimum wage for every regular hour worked.

42. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand that judgment be entered against Triple Canopy and in favor of Plaintiffs in the aggregate amount of \$700,000.00, or \$100,000 for Plaintiff Del Castillo-Guzman; \$110,000 for Plaintiff Cerna-Motta; \$250,000 for Plaintiff Castro-Rugel; and \$240,000 for Plaintiff Tamani-Fasabi, with interest, costs, and attorney's fees as allowable under the Virginia Minimum Wage Act and other laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

COUNT FOUR
Fair Labor Standards Act

43. The foregoing paragraphs are re-alleged herein.

44. At all times alleged herein, Plaintiffs have never been indebted to Triple Canopy.

45. At all times alleged herein, Triple Canopy was an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce, or in the production of goods for interstate commerce, whose annual gross volume of sales or business done was not less than \$500,000.

46. Triple Canopy engaged in interstate commerce by:

- a. Corresponding with individuals in other states via telephone;
- b. Sending and receiving mail to and from individuals in other states;
- c. Transacting business in interstate commerce; and
- d. Employing goods manufactured and distributed in other states.

47. Triple Canopy exercised operational control of Plaintiffs' workplace, including the work performed, environment, and conditions of employment, and managerial decisions such as hiring, firing, compensating, supervising, creating schedules, maintaining time and other employment records, determining the rate and method of compensation.

48. However, Triple Canopy paid Plaintiffs, at most, \$4.13 per every hour worked.

49. Triple Canopy violated the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219, when it failed to pay Plaintiffs the federal minimum wage for every regular hour worked, and when it failed to pay one and one-half times the federal minimum wage for every overtime hour worked.

50. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand that judgment be entered against Triple Canopy and in favor of Plaintiffs in the aggregate amount of \$700,000.00, or \$100,000 for Plaintiff Del Castillo-Guzman; \$110,000 for Plaintiff Cerna-Motta; \$250,000 for Plaintiff Castro-Rugel; and \$240,000 for Plaintiff Tamani-Fasabi, with interest, costs, and attorney's fees as allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Respectfully Submitted,
LUDWERD DEL CASTILLO-GUZMAN
ALEJANDRO CERNA-MOTTA
JUAN CASTRO-RUGEL
GERMAN TAMANI-FASABI
By Counsel

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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as of the date listed below (the "Effective Date") by and between Triple Canopy Operations, Inc., an Illinois Corporation with its main office located at 2250 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 300, Herndon, Virginia 20171 USA (the "Company") and the undersigned, an individual ("Independent Contractor" or "IC").

Definitions and Terms:

Name of IC: Ludwerd Roldan Del Castillo Guzman Effective Date: 15 November 2008

Mission Location: Baghdad, Iraq Term of Services: 12 months

Daily Rate: \$ 33 per day End Date: 31 January 2010

Term Completion Bonus: \$ 1500 per 365 days Monthly Advance: \$ 100 per month

Training Rate: N/A (applies to Training at the Mission Location only)

Service Category: () Supervisor () Operational Support
 (select proper category) () Senior Guard () Administrative Support
 (X) Guard () Other:
 () Guard Driver

"Customer" means the client of the Company.

"Prime Contract" means an agreement between the Company and the Customer.

"Services" means the services which IC will provide to the Company or the Customer pursuant to this Agreement at the direction of the Company.

"Training Rate" means the amount the IC will be paid while at the Mission Location completing the company's required training. After completion of the training, the IC will be paid the Daily Rate and Term Completion Bonus as set forth below. Training conducted at any location other than the Mission Location is not eligible for Training Rate payments.

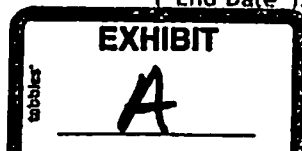
"Company Policies" refers to the Company policies that address various performance-related requirements and expectations that apply to the conduct and performance of IC. Copies of the Company Policies will be made available to IC and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Agreement

1. Engagement. The Company hereby engages IC to perform the Services as an independent contractor in the service category listed above ("Service Category") in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. IC is not an employee of Company and is not entitled to any employment benefits or rights not specifically set forth in this Agreement. The Services will be performed primarily in and around the area specified above (the "Mission Location"). The applicable qualifications for the Service categories above are included in the Addendum A to this Agreement. IC represents that IC has reviewed the qualification requirements provided in Addendum A and further represents that IC meets the applicable requirements. IC also acknowledges that payment to IC to perform the Services is contingent upon (1) IC's successful

completion of the Company's required training, (2) IC's ability and availability to deploy to the Mission Location, and (3) the approval and issuance of a Moderate Risk Public Trust (MRPT) or other applicable security clearance to IC by the U.S. Government. Failure to successfully complete the required training, to deploy to the Mission Location, or to obtain the required security clearance will entitle Company to terminate this Agreement at its discretion without further payment to IC. If IC fails to obtain the required security clearance and has already been deployed to the Mission Location, IC will be paid for services rendered up to the date of termination.

2. Term and Termination. The Services provided shall for the period listed above ("Term of Services"), and shall end on the date listed above ("End Date"). Notwithstanding the Term of Services



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and End Date, the Company may terminate this Agreement immediately at any time without cause by giving notice to IC. Upon termination of this Agreement, IC shall immediately return all property and equipment issued by Company or the Customer to IC in a safe and effective manner. IC acknowledges and agrees that IC may be terminated immediately upon notice from the Company and that IC is not entitled to any severance compensation or any cure period.

3. **Compensation.** In consideration of the Services to be performed by IC, the Company agrees to pay IC the daily rate ("Daily Rate") listed above. The Daily Rate payments will begin once IC arrives at the Mission Location and has completed all of the Company's required training. If the IC is deployed to the Mission Location for completion of the Company's required training, the IC will receive the Training Rate until the required training is completed. All payments will be calculated in U.S. Dollars. While performing the Services at the Daily Rate, IC also shall earn a term completion bonus ("Term Completion Bonus") in the amount listed above, which will be paid in full upon the successful completion of the entire term of this Agreement. IC will be paid the Daily Rate monthly in arrears. If IC (1) fails to complete the term of the Agreement without cause, as determined by Company, (2) is terminated for cause by Company, or (3) violates any other term of this Agreement, IC will not receive or be entitled to any portion of the Term Completion Bonus.

4. **Expenses and Insurance.** Company will provide IC with a monthly advance payment ("Monthly Advance") as stated above for use by the IC for personal expenses. The monthly advance payment shall be deducted from IC's monthly compensation from Company. No cash per diem or cash incidental will be paid to IC. The Company will provide IC with Defense Base Act and/or other insurance coverage pursuant to the Prime Contract and the appropriate U.S. regulations.

5. **Life Support, Equipment and Travel.** IC will be provided with food, housing and certain equipment specified by the Company. Any and all equipment provided to IC by Company is the responsibility of IC, and IC shall compensate the Company for any lost or damaged equipment. Any and all equipment provided to IC will be returned to the Company at the end of this Agreement. IC will be provided with airfare to and from the Mission Location, except as may otherwise be stated in this Agreement.

6. **Non-Compete.** During the term of this Agreement and for six months thereafter, IC shall not engage in any business or other activities, which are or may be, directly or indirectly, competitive with the business activities of the Company, including, but not limited to, performing similar services for a party other than the Company

-without obtaining the prior written consent of the Company. In light of the continuing obligations required of IC under this Agreement, IC agrees that during the term of this Agreement and for six months thereafter, IC will provide a complete copy of this Agreement to any prospective employer or contractor prior to accepting employment with or being retained by such employer or contractor. To this end, IC may obtain additional copies of this Agreement upon request. IC acknowledges that the Company would not have retained IC if this Agreement had not contained this Section 6.

7. **Dangerous Environment.** IC UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PERFORMING THE SERVICES WILL EXPOSE IC TO MANY OF THE HAZARDS OF A HIGH THREAT ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EXTREME AND UNPREDICTABLE THREATS AND HAZARDS OF WAR AND OTHER COMMON AND UNCOMMON THREATS AND HAZARDS. IC FULLY APPRECIATES THAT PERFORMING THE SERVICES IS INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND MAY RESULT IN DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY TO IC, OR OTHERS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY.

8. **Assumption of Risk.** IC VOLUNTARILY, WILLINGLY, AND KNOWINGLY ASSUMES ANY AND ALL RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND IN ANY WAY ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL TRAINING, PERFORMING THE SERVICES, AND TRAVELING TO AND FROM AND BEING IN EACH MISSION LOCATION.

9. **Representations and Warranties of Independent Contractor.** IC represents and warrants that: IC (a) has a valid and current passport (b) has the minimum required number of years of military, similar police, or local guard force experience, (c) is physically and mentally fit to withstand the rigors of the environment and duties, (d) is not a party to any agreement, contract or arrangement that prohibits IC from entering into this Agreement with the Company or performing the Services, and (e) entering into this Agreement and performing the Services does not and shall not violate any applicable law, rule or regulation.

10. **Safeguarding of Information.** IC shall exercise the utmost discretion in regard to all matters relating to IC's duties and functions. IC shall not communicate to any person any information known to IC by reason of IC's performance of the Services under this Agreement which has not been made public, except in the necessary performance of IC's duties or upon written authorization of Company. All documents and records (including photographs) generated during the performance of work under this Agreement shall be for the sole use of and become the exclusive property of Company. Furthermore, no article, book, pamphlet, recording, broadcast, speech, television appearance, film or photograph concerning any aspect of work performed under this Agreement shall be published or disseminated through any media without written authorization of

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Company. If contacted by the media, IC will state nothing more than "no comment" and will refer the media representative to the Company. These obligations do not cease upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any violation of this provision by IC will entitle Company to terminate IC at its discretion, or withhold any Term Completion Bonus or other compensation to be paid to IC.

11. Conduct of Independent Contractor. IC must comply with all laws and regulations of the Mission Location country including, but not limited to, laws related to currency, black market, and drug use and alcohol abuse. IC must comply with applicable laws and regulations of the United States, and applicable laws and regulations of any country where IC is a citizen or resident. IC must perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract and must comply with the Prime Contract. IC must respect local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct. Personal attire and hygiene must be in accordance with the Company's policies. IC must comply with the Company Policies, Customer's rules, regulations, procedures and policies, and the United States Department of State security, health and safety regulations, and directives. Any violation of this provision entitles Company to terminate IC at its discretion, and withhold payment of the Term Completion Bonus.

12. Release and Hold Harmless. IC AGREES TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COMPANY AND THE CUSTOMER, THEIR RESPECTIVE CORPORATE AFFILIATES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCIDENTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, REASONABLE COST OF INVESTIGATION AND LITIGATION, INTEREST AND PENALTIES) ARISING OUT OF ANY DAMAGES, INJURIES OR DEATHS TO IC OR OTHER PERSONS RESULTING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SERVICES

PERFORMED BY IC EVEN WHERE THE LOSS, DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH IS CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO, IN ANY MANNER, BY THE COMPANY.

13. Heirs Etc. of Independent Contractor. EVERY PROVISION IN THIS AGREEMENT IS EQUALLY BINDING ON AND EFFECTIVE AS TO THE HEIRS, AGENTS, SPOUSE (IF ANY), CHILDREN, REPRESENTATIVES, GUARDIANS, ASSIGNS, DEPENDENTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ATTORNEYS AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING TO REPRESENT IC OR HIS ESTATE.

14. Governing Law and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Virginia, USA, as if performed wholly within the state and without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws. Any action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any right arising out of, this Agreement must be brought against any of the parties in the courts of the State of Virginia, USA. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, Company reserves the right to pursue any and all available legal remedies and actions against IC in the event of a breach or violation of the terms of this Agreement.

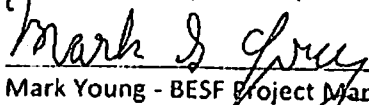
15. Foreign Language Version. At its discretion, Company may provide IC with a version of this Agreement translated into IC's native language for the convenience of IC. In the event that there is a conflict or inconsistency between the English-language version of this Agreement and the Foreign language-version, the English language version controls.

16. Jury Trial Waiver. The Company and IC knowingly and voluntarily agree to waive their respective rights to a jury trial on any claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement and thereby agree not to demand a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim arising out of or relating to this Agreement.


BY SIGNING BELOW, IC REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT HE HAS CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENTS, INCLUDING IC'S PERSONAL ASSUMPTION OF RISK, THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND THE LIMITATION ON EMPLOYMENT. IC FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT, BY SIGNING BELOW, HE IS WAIVING SOME OF HIS LEGAL RIGHTS, AND IC IS FREE TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

Triple Canopy Operations, Inc.


Mark Young - BESF Project Manager

Independent Contractor


Ludwerd Roldan Del Castillo Guzman

Attachments: Addendum A (Qualifications)

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Definitions and Terms:

Name of IC: <u>CERNA MOTTA, ALEJANDRO ELADIO</u>	Effective Date: <u>20 OCT 2006</u>
Mission Location: <u>BESF</u>	Term of Services: <u>12</u> months
Daily Rate: <u>\$ 33 per day</u>	End Date: <u>1 JAN 2008</u>
Term Completion Bonus: <u>\$1500 per 730</u>	Monthly Advance: <u>\$100 per month</u>

Service Category: () Supervisor (select proper category) () Senior Guard (x) Guard () Guard Driver	() Operational Support () Administrative Support () Other: _____
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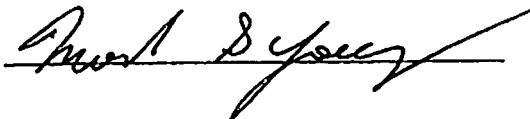
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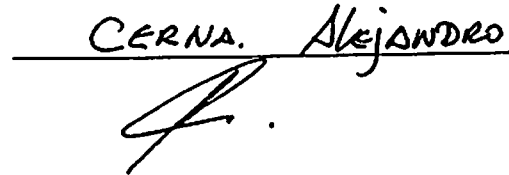
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Attachments: Addendum A (Qualifications)

Independent Contractor



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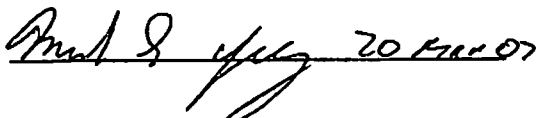
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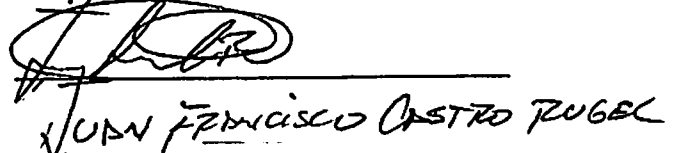
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Triple Canopy Operations, Inc.



Attachments: Addendum A (Qualifications)

Independent Contractor


JUAN FRANCISCO CASTRO RUGEL

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as of the date listed below (the "Effective Date") by and between Triple Canopy Operations, Inc., an Illinois Corporation with its main office located at 2250 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 300, Herndon, Virginia 20171 USA (the "Company") and the undersigned, an individual ("Independent Contractor" or "IC").

Definitions and Terms:

Name of IC: <u>Juan Francisco Castro Rugel</u>	Effective Date: <u>15 May 2008</u>
Mission Location: <u>Baghdad, Iraq</u>	Term of Services: <u>12 months</u>
Daily Rate: \$ <u>33</u> per day	End Date: <u>15 July 2009</u>
Term Completion Bonus: \$ <u>1500</u> per 365 days.	Monthly Advance: \$ <u>100</u> per month
Training Rate: <u>N/A</u>	(applies to Training at the Mission Location only)
Service Category: () Supervisor (select proper category) () Senior Guard (X) Guard () Guard Driver	() Operational Support () Administrative Support () Other:

"Customer" means the client of the Company.

"Prime Contract" means an agreement between the Company and the Customer.

"Services" means the services which IC will provide to the Company or the Customer pursuant to this Agreement at the direction of the Company.

"Training Rate" means the amount the IC will be paid while at the Mission Location completing the company's required training. After completion of the training, the IC will be paid the Daily Rate and Term Completion Bonus as set forth below. Training conducted at any location other than the Mission Location is not eligible for Training Rate payments.

"Company Policies" refers to the Company policies that address various performance-related requirements and expectations that apply to the conduct and performance of IC. Copies of the Company Policies will be made available to IC and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

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1. **Engagement.** The Company hereby engages IC to perform the Services as an independent contractor in the service category listed above ("Service Category") in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. IC is not an employee of Company and is not entitled to any employment benefits or rights not specifically set forth in this Agreement. The Services will be performed primarily in and around the area specified above (the "Mission Location"). The applicable qualifications for the Service categories above are included in the Addendum A to this Agreement. IC represents that IC has reviewed the qualification requirements provided in Addendum A and further represents that IC meets the applicable requirements. IC also acknowledges that payment to IC to perform the Services is contingent upon (1) IC's successful

completion of the Company's required training, (2) IC's ability and availability to deploy to the Mission Location, and (3) the approval and issuance of a Moderate Risk Public Trust (MRPT) or other applicable security clearance to IC by the U.S. Government. Failure to successfully complete the required training, to deploy to the Mission Location, or to obtain the required security clearance will entitle Company to terminate this Agreement at its discretion without further payment to IC. If IC fails to obtain the required security clearance and has already been deployed to the Mission Location, IC will be paid for services rendered up to the date of termination.

2. **Term and Termination.** The Services provided shall for the period listed above ("Term of Services"), and shall end on the date listed above ("End Date"). Notwithstanding the Term of Services



and End Date, the Company may terminate this Agreement immediately at any time without cause by giving notice to IC. Upon termination of this Agreement, IC shall immediately return all property and equipment issued by Company or the Customer to IC in a safe and effective manner. IC acknowledges and agrees that IC may be terminated immediately upon notice from the Company and that IC is not entitled to any severance compensation or any cure period.

3. **Compensation.** In consideration of the Services to be performed by IC, the Company agrees to pay IC the daily rate ("Daily Rate") listed above. The Daily Rate payments will begin once IC arrives at the Mission Location and has completed all of the Company's required training. If the IC is deployed to the Mission Location for completion of the Company's required training, the IC will receive the Training Rate until the required training is completed. All payments will be calculated in U.S. Dollars. While performing the Services at the Daily Rate, IC also shall earn a term completion bonus ("Term Completion Bonus") in the amount listed above, which will be paid in full upon the successful completion of the entire term of this Agreement. IC will be paid the Daily Rate monthly in arrears. If IC (1) fails to complete the term of the Agreement without cause, as determined by Company, (2) is terminated for cause by Company, or (3) violates any other term of this Agreement, IC will not receive or be entitled to any portion of the Term Completion Bonus.

4. **Expenses and Insurance.** Company will provide IC with a monthly advance payment ("Monthly Advance") as stated above for use by the IC for personal expenses. The monthly advance payment shall be deducted from IC's monthly compensation from Company. No cash per diem or cash incidental will be paid to IC. The Company will provide IC with Defense Base Act and/or other insurance coverage pursuant to the Prime Contract and the appropriate U.S. regulations.

5. **Life Support, Equipment and Travel.** IC will be provided with food, housing and certain equipment specified by the Company. Any and all equipment provided to IC by Company is the responsibility of IC, and IC shall compensate the Company for any lost or damaged equipment. Any and all equipment provided to IC will be returned to the Company at the end of this Agreement. IC will be provided with airfare to and from the Mission Location, except as may otherwise be stated in this Agreement.

6. **Non-Compete.** During the term of this Agreement and for six months thereafter, IC shall not engage in any business or other activities, which are or may be, directly or indirectly, competitive with the business activities of the Company, including, but not limited to, performing similar services for a party other than the Company

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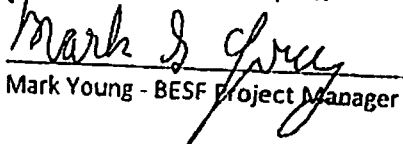
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